

Career and Technical Education will now have one voice
*Dr. Dale Winkler to serve as new OCTE executive director
and director of CTE in KDE*



***Photo (l to r): Beth Brinly, Department of Workforce Investment commissioner;
Dr. Dale Winkler, and Joseph U. Meyer,
Education and Workforce Development Cabinet secretary.***

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In recognition of the Task Force on Transforming Education in Kentucky's (TEK) career and technical education recommendations, a meeting between the Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE), and the Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE) career and technical education staff was held Monday, May 16, 2011. The meeting was called to apprise staff of the broad vision and initial activities that will take place over the coming months.

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet Secretary Joseph U. Meyer, joined by Beth Brinly, Workforce Investment commissioner; Terry Holliday, Kentucky Department of Education commissioner; and Dr. Jay Box, KCTCS chancellor, introduced Dr. Dale Winkler as the new executive director of OCTE, as well as the director of the KDE career and technical education unit.

"Dr. Winkler is the right leader for this time," said Secretary Meyer. "He understands the student, teacher, principal and central office perspectives because he has done it all."

Dr. Winkler will also serve as the lead staff member for the Career and Technical Education study group. He will officially join the central office staff in Frankfort on June 16, 2011.

"Dale Winkler will be able to harness all the energy and talent in the career and technical education field across the Commonwealth," said Commissioner Brinly. "I look forward to working with him as we focus that energy and talent toward a common vision and purpose."

Winkler:

“I am humbled to be asked to assist you in making career and technical education a critical component of Kentucky’s college and career readiness initiative. Like many of you, I truly understand the value of CTE because I am a product of this system. As a high school student I attended an area technology center, and I participated in a career and technical student organization. The skills I learned in my program of study prepared me for many postsecondary options and the workforce.

“Now I am pleased to be working with you to build on the successes of our past and taking CTE to the next level. The members of the Governor’s Task Force on Transforming Education in Kentucky have stated their belief in CTE, and they want to find ways to improve its effectiveness and efficiency. Together we can position CTE at the table of high school reform where all students are equipped with 21st century skills needed for college and a career. We cannot allow this opportunity to pass without taking action because students all across the Commonwealth are counting on us.”

[Click on the following link to view Winkler’s speech able in its entirety](#)



About Dr. Harry Dale Winkler

Winkler earned his Bachelor of Science in accounting (1994), Certification in Comprehensive Business Education (1996), and Master of Arts in Education (1999) from Cumberland College. In 2002, he completed a Rank I in Educational Leadership and Administration from Eastern Kentucky University. In May 2010, Winkler graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Doctor of Education (EdD) in Educational Leadership Studies.

Dr. Winkler is a product of career and technical education. He started as a student in the business and office program at KY-Tech Madison County. He was involved in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and eventually became the state Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) president while attending college. Over the course of his career, Winkler gained valuable experiences by serving as a classroom teacher in a local high school and KY Tech area technology center, state academic consultant, state service coordinator and KY Tech principal.



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